

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) An interlabial pad comprising:

an absorbent body for absorbing body fluids;

a surface side sheet and a rear surface side sheet enclosing said absorbent body; and

a sheet body ~~provided~~ lapped on said rear surface side sheet[~~[,]~~]; and

~~wherein a pair of fingertip insert openings for inserting the fingertips of a wearer are provided symmetrically about a longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad, and said sheet body is attached to have a pair of opened portions disposed symmetrically about said longitudinal direction so that said pair of fingertip insert openings coincide with said pair of opened portions~~

a pair of fingertip insert openings having a size such that fingertips of a wearer may be inserted naturally,

wherein said interlabial pad is of a size which may be held between labia naturally, and has a substantially planar shape having a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis,

wherein said pair of fingertip insert openings are provided at both side edges of said interlabial pad so as to be symmetrical with respect to said longitudinal axis, and

wherein said sheet body is attached to have a pair of opened portions on left and right side edge portions substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis, so that said pair of fingertip insert openings are formed by said pair of opened portions.

18. (currently amended) An interlabial pad according to claim 17, ~~wherein~~

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wherein said interlabial pad or said absorbent body comprises a folding guide element extending along a line for folding along the longitudinal axis.

19. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 18, wherein said folding guide element is comprised of any of a broken line, a cut line, and a compression line.

20. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein a size of the width of the fingertip insert opening is not less than 20mm.

21. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein a size of the depth of said fingertip insert opening is not less than 15mm.

22. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein said sheet body has a size not less than 80% in respect of a length size of the lateral direction of the interlabial pad.

23. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 17, wherein said sheet body has color, chromaticity and pattern different from those of the opposite side of the interlabial pad to the body side.

24. (new) An interlabial pad according to any one of claims 17, further comprising a long protruding area along said symmetric axis, in using the pad, each fingertip of two fingers of the wearer is respectively inserted into said pair of fingertip insert openings, thereafter the pad is folded

at said symmetric axis to be subject to use in a condition that said long protruding area is further projected.

25. (new) An interlabial pad according to claim 24, wherein said long protruding area is formed by bending said symmetric axis.

26. (new) A wrapping body comprising:
an interlabial pad according to claim 17, and
a wrapping container to contain said interlabial pad,
wherein the interlabial pad is contained such that said pair of fingertip insert openings are positioned at the neighborhood of an unseal portion of said wrapping container.

27. (new) A wrapping body comprising:
the interlabial pad according to claim 17 and
a wrapping container to contain said interlabial pad,
wherein said interlabial pad is folded in a mountain folded shape toward a body side along said symmetric axis and is contained in said wrapping container.

28. (new) A wrapping body comprising:
the interlabial pad according to claim 17 and
a wrapping container to contain said interlabial pad,

wherein the interlabial pad is contained such that said pair of fingertip insert openings are positioned at the neighborhood of an unseal portion of said wrapping container.